

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract added by the Preliminary Amendment with the Abstract attached hereto as Exhibit A.

On Page 1, line 1, please replace the paragraph inserted by the August 29, 2001 Preliminary Amendment with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 64 099.8, filed on December 31, 1999. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ §365 of PCT/DE00/04393, filed on December 8, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please add the following new heading before the paragraph beginning with the phrase "The present invention" on page 1.

--1. Field of the Invention--.

Please add the following new heading between the first and second full paragraphs appearing on page 1:

--2. The Prior Art--.